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1. AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND (ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER KLEIN) MET WITH GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ. THE AMBASSADOR SUMMARIZED GENERALLY FOR THE GOVERNING MAYOR HIS EARLIER DISCUSSION WITH YEFREMOV (REFTEL), PARTICULARLY PORTIONS DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE AND FORTHCOMING FEDERAL GERMAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

2 IN COMMENTING UPON AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND'S REMARKS, SCHUETZ MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

(A) WHILE HE KNEW EGON BAHR, AND TO SOME EXTENT THE FRENCH, WERE INTERESTED IN FOUR-POWER DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE ISSUES SURROUNDING
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OFFICE, HE, THE MAYOR, WAS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO SUCH A MEETING AND FELT STRONGLY ABOUT IT.

(B) IN CONNECTION WITH EGON BAHR'S CURRENT VISIT TO MOSCOW, BAHR VOLUNTEERED TO DISCUSS SCHUETZ'S LONG-POSTPONED VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. SCHUETZ SAID HE TOLD BAHR NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSS THE SUBJECT. SCHUETZ HAD NO INTENTION OF GOING TO MOSCOW UNLESS THERE WAS A SENSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION IN SUCH A VISIT. MOREOVER, SINCE BERLIN WILL BE MOVING INTO ELECTION CAMPAIGN THIS FALL, PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A VISIT WERE BECOMING LESS INTERESTING AND LESS PRACTICAL FOR THE MAYOR.

(C) REFERRING TO HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAUVAGNARGUES, SCHUETZ SAID HE DID NOT SHARE THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S VIEW ON THE DETAILED BALANCES OSTENSIBLY ARRIVED AT IN THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT. (SAUVAGNARGUES IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH SCHUETZ HAD INSISTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SPECIFIC TIE BETWEEN THE PROVISIONS ON FEDERAL PRESENCE AND TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS.) SCHUETZ SAID HE HAD RESEARCHED MATTER CAREFULLY AND WHILE HE WAS AWARE OF THE BARGAINS STRUCK IN QA, HIS RECOLLECTION WAS THAT QA WAS ALSO BALANCED AGAINST THE OTHER EASTERN AGREEMENTS WHICH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD NEGOTIATED AT THAT TIME/

(D) IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED MEETING OF BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM, SCHUETZ SAID SUBJECT HAD COME UP FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN HIM AND FRAU RENGEL LATE IN JANUARY. HE TOLD HER AT TIME THAT SUCH MEETING WAS OF MARGINAL INTEREST TO BERLIN. MORE URGENT WERE SUCH ITEMS AS MINIMAL CURRENCY EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS WHICH WERE INTERFERING WITH VISITS TO EAST BERLIN AND GDR, AND GDR SHENANIGANS ON AUTOBAHN. HOWEVER, HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN, IF PRESIDUM ISSUE BECOMES MATTER FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION, HE WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO SUPPORT FRAU RENGEL'S PROPOSAL.

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(E) SCHUETZ WAS PREPARED FOR SOME DIFFICULT SLEDDING AHEAD IN BERLIN. IN PASSING HE REMARKED THAT PART OF THE PROBLEM WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO CURRENT DISARRAY IN BONN. WHEN HE TALKED WITH THE CHANCELLOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER THINGS SEEMED TO FALL INTO PLACE (AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT HE MENTIONED BAHR TOO). BUT INEVITABLY THEREAFTER CONFUSION REIGNED. KLEIN

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